

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

In this example, each of the spools 19, 20 has a respective drive motor 19a, 20a which together provide a ribbon transport mechanism. The drive motors 19a, 20a each have driven shafts which provide axially extending spindles 21, 23 [[22]] on which the respective storage and take-up spools 19, 20 are rotatably mounted. The drive motors 19a, 20a are controlled by a controller C which co-ordinates ribbon 11 drive, with printing operations.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

Because the connecting member or bridge 30 is small, it will be appreciated that during ribbon 11 transport or otherwise e.g. during printing, as tension in the ribbon 11 around the ribbon feed path may change, and the ribbon 11 will tend to exert changing generally radial forces on the spindles 21, 23 [[22]] on which the spools 19, 20 are mounted, and so small movements of the 10 mounting part 28 relative to the base plate 18 and hence of the spools 19, 20, in directions transverse to the directions of their rotational axes, may occur.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 26 with the following amended paragraph:

In the example described, the motors 19a, 20a have driven shafts which provide the spindles 21, 23 [[22]] but in another example the motors 19a, 20a may drive the spools 19, 20 indirectly through a transmission. In each case, the spools 19, 20 rotate about respective rotational axes which usually are generally normal to the direction of ribbon 11 transport.